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POLISH UNIVERSITY ABROAD (PUNO)

CALL FOR PAPERS 7th International Interdisciplinary Scientific Conference

Hybrid Worlds and Human Security - Challenges and Perspectives

We cordially invite experienced researchers and young scholars, doctoral candidates, students, practitioners operating in the fields of education, culture, media, business, and administration, as well as anyone interested in the topic of human security in the context of digital and social transformation, to participate in the **7th International Interdisciplinary Scientific Conference** organized by the **Polish University Abroad (PUNO)** in cooperation with the partners of the CAPHE and GUARDIAN projects.

We live in times when the boundaries between the “physical” and “virtual” realities are becoming increasingly blurred. The dynamic development of new technologies, including Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), and the Internet of Things (IoT), opens up numerous opportunities—in education, culture, healthcare, and social communication. At the same time, however, it raises significant questions about the security of individuals and societies.



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Global events in recent years, such as the Covid-19 pandemic, ongoing climate change, and growing uncertainty and armed conflicts (e.g., in Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan, Gaza), show that the hybrid nature of reality (combining the physical and digital dimensions of the world) directly translates into new threats and challenges. Disruptions in supply chains, disinformation, cyberattacks, manipulation through social media, the increasing robotization of the labor market, and mental health crises in an era of high digitalization—all of these issues demand comprehensive analysis and an interdisciplinary approach.

At the same time, we must not overlook the political dimensions of technological development—visible in the global implementation of AI systems by both private and public sectors, influencing cybersecurity, the nature of contemporary warfare, and political power structures. Moreover, dramatic changes in the job market, propelled by automation and AI, lead some experts to advocate for basic income models—not only for social reasons but also to maintain consumer bases in economies increasingly reliant on technological labor.

Furthermore, while digital tools and AI can effectively support efforts to address climate change and other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), they also raise concerns about environmental sustainability, energy consumption, and long-term ecological impact. Voices—such as those from radical environmentalists—warn of scenarios involving climate chaos and the possible breakdown of advanced technologies in the coming decades. This perspective, which values traditional knowledge and sustainable, low-tech solutions for survival, adds another dimension to discussions about the role of AI and digital transformation in our lives.

The aim of our conference is to initiate discussion and broaden knowledge on how “hybrid worlds” affect human security in a broad sense, as well as to highlight new perspectives and strategies for addressing these phenomena. We invite reflection and the exchange of experiences from representatives of various academic disciplines—among them educators, sociologists, psychologists, media scholars, security specialists, lawyers, economists, computer scientists, and many others.



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Proposed Thematic Areas

Since the conference is interdisciplinary, we encourage submissions from a wide range of fields. Example topics include:

- **Security in the Digital World:** cyberthreats, cyberterrorism, “sharenting,” disinformation, data protection, ethics of AI, and the political implications of global AI implementation (e.g., private-public partnerships in cybersecurity).
- **AI as a Political Tool in Private-Public Sector – Visible and Invisible Wars:** the role of AI in kinetic conflicts, geostrategic rivalries, and shifts in power due to the development of advanced surveillance, data analytics, and automated decision-making systems.
- **The Impact of Technology on Society and Individual Psychology:** digital exclusion, e-addictions, virtual social relationships, shaping online identity.
- **Hybrid Work and Educational Environments:** new models of learning, remote work and its consequences, the role of digital tools in developing future competencies.
- **Crisis Management and Health Security:** early warning systems, data analysis in emergency situations, the role of media in risk communication.
- **Climate Change, Ecology, and Technology:** the use of digital tools for monitoring and counteracting the effects of the climate crisis, “green” IT issues, and a critical look at the environmental sustainability of AI. This includes exploring radical environmental perspectives that question the long-term viability of high-tech solutions and emphasize traditional knowledges for climate resilience.
- **Civil Society and Democracy:** the impact of social media on public discourse, populism and radical movements in the digital age, online activism.
- **Culture and Art in a Hybrid Reality:** creativity in the era of AI, the metaverse as a new field of creative interaction, AI as a co-creator (or competitor) in the arts.
- **Ethics and Law in Hybrid Worlds:** regulations on AI, intellectual property in the virtual sphere, legal responsibility for algorithmic actions, data governance, and human rights in the digital era.

The above list is open-ended—we encourage you to explore new, original perspectives.



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Calendar:

18th May 2025 – Deadline for submitting applications and abstracts (online registration: <https://forms.office.com/e/sj9tjWX8a9>)

- 20th May 2025 – Notification of accepted submissions
- 10th June 2025 – Announcement of the conference program
- 15th June 2025 – Publication of the book of abstracts
- **28th - 29th June 2025** – Conference

Place of the Conference: London – online (zoom)

Conferences website: <https://puno.ac.uk/conferences/vii-june-conference/?lang=en>

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/e/sj9tjWX8a9>

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Form of Presentation: speech (up to 20 minutes), posters

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